

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on April 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 411, 3/31/2015; SB 233, 3/31/2015

HEARING ON SB 233**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:37 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 233, Provide for medicaid waiver protection for certain military families.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:33 Brigadier General Brian P. Fox
00:06:00 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Associations
00:09:36 Mike Clouse, Disabled American Veterans
00:10:14 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana
00:11:07 Novelene Martin, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:11:33 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:15 Chairman Wittich
00:12:33 Novelene Martin DPHHS
00:12:49 Chairman Wittich
00:13:04 Novelene Martin DPHHS
00:13:29 Chairman Wittich
00:13:42 Novelene Martin, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:03 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 411**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:57 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 411, Plan for the closure of Montana developmental center at Boulder.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:38 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a02\)](#)

00:27:52 Bob and Ellen Marten, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a03\)](#)

00:34:16 Christine Wiley, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a04\)](#)

00:39:21 Stacy Fisk, Self

00:45:09 Tammy Johnson, Self

00:47:36 Brode Moll, Mission Mountain Enterprises

00:48:49 Jim Uecker, Residential Support Services Billings

00:51:01 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals Goodwill
 00:53:21 Jani McCall, Legacy Provider Group
 00:54:38 Andrae LaRose, Self
 00:58:50 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
 01:01:21 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
 01:02:41 Larry Noonan, A.W.A.R.E. Inc.
 01:04:38 Jeff Folsom, A.W.A.R.E. Inc.
 01:07:17 Alexandra Volkerts, Disability Rights Montana
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a05\)](#)

01:13:33 Alison Ball, Self
 01:14:15 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:51 Gail Beckham, Self
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a07\)](#)

01:24:55 Stan Danielson, Self
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a08\)](#)

01:30:25 Mike Sadowski, Ravalli Services Corp
 01:34:08 Anna Studencki, Self
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a09\)](#)

01:38:56 Chris Abbott, Self
 01:43:47 Jon Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 01:45:51 Sen. Keene
 01:49:08 Sabrina Steketee, Self
 01:56:21 Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources Missoula
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a10\)](#)

02:05:06 Lowel Bartels, MDC Chaplain
 02:08:48 Bob Sheret, Self
 02:12:36 Bob Mullen, Jefferson County Commissioner
[EXHIBIT\(huh70a11\)](#)

02:13:21 Rep. Moffie Monk, HD 82
 02:15:21 Terri Minnow, MEA-MFT
 02:21:07 Jane Hamman, Self
 02:22:48 Michael Tuten, MDC
 02:23:38 Rose Brock, Self
 02:28:08 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commission
 02:32:11 Sean Lewis, MDC

Informational Testimony:

02:33:34 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice
 02:34:08 Mary Dalton, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 02:34:39 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:35:19 Rep. Hayman
02:36:04 Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources Missoula
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02:39:15 Rep. Eck
02:39:55 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
02:41:02 Rep. Eck
02:42:06 Dana Toole, Department of Justice (DOJ)
02:44:22 Rep. Eck
02:45:26 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
02:46:50 Rebecca Decamara, DPHHS
02:52:04 Rep. Eck
02:52:18 Rebecca Decamara DPHHS
02:52:36 Rep. Mandeville
02:53:11 Sen. Caferro
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02:53:37 Sen. Caferro
02:54:07 Rep. Ricci
02:54:14 Rep. Hill
02:55:45 Rebecca Decamara, DPHHS
02:56:26 Rep. Hill
02:56:58 Dana Toole, DOJ
02:57:19 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
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02:58:08 Rep. Hill
02:59:27 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana
03:02:15 Rep. Wittich
03:04:03 Jani McCall, Legacy Group
03:06:32 Rep. Wittich
03:07:25 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
03:08:31 Rep. Pierson
03:09:06 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
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03:10:16 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
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03:15:38 Rep. Harris
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03:19:10 Rep. Eck
03:19:52 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

03:20:40 Chairman Wagoner
03:21:19 Mr. Noonan
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03:23:43 Mr. Noonan
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03:25:02 Gary Spaith, Jefferson County
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03:41:00 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

03:43:51 Sen. Caferro

ADJOURNMENT

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh70aad.pdf](#))